



## CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

### CITY COUNCIL

City Council will hold work sessions and a regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 beginning at 5 p.m. The regular session will follow at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Council agendas, approved minutes, consent agenda items, data sheets, presentations, exhibits, proposed ordinances, agreements, and other supporting documents are available for public review at the end of the week prior to the Tuesday meeting and can be accessed at <https://leaguecity.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>. Citizens may also view the meeting at <http://leaguecitytx.swagit.com/city-council/> or on Comcast Channel 16.

### Sewer Evaluation “Smoke Testing” begins Feb. 19

The City will initiate phase two of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES), on February 19. Phase two “Smoke Testing” is a follow-up activity to the initial City-wide flow testing that occurred through the summer of 2017. The activity consists of introducing pressurized smoke into isolated areas of the collection system to identify compromised gravity sewer pipe and connections, in an effort to reduce and/or eliminate sources of inflow/infiltration. Sanitary sewer smoke testing can produce erroneous reports to Police and Fire Departments of smoke coming from manholes, sewer clean-outs, cracks in lawns, and even indoor plumbing. Proper public awareness notification is crucial in reducing potential false alarm calls. The field work will be performed by RJN Group personnel, with field oversight by AARK Engineering and City Staff. Smoke testing in areas identified in the attached exhibit will begin on Monday, February 19, and continue for approximately 6-8 weeks. Associated dye testing and CCTV review will occur when smoke testing is complete. Schedules for this follow-up are not available at this time.

#### Proposed Notification Plan:

**Monday, February 12** - 1) Sign Boards set out in applicable areas 2) send out applicable language from attached public notice through all available social media sources.

**Friday, February 16** - 1) RJN will distribute door hangers to areas (*see map below*) directly affected by their scheduled work locations, and will continue to distribute door hangers 48 hours prior to moving to their next scheduled location.

**Monday, February 19** - 1) RJN will begin sending daily emails to City contacts identifying a general description and map location for the day’s planned work. For more information contact 281-554-1411.



## FIRE CALLS



Just after midnight on Jan. 27, 2018, League City Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire in a driveway in the 6100 block of Carlisle Ln. Three juveniles had set fires in the driveway. They informed the Fire Marshal's Office Investigator that they had become bored playing video games and decided to go outside to light things on fire. During the investigation it was also determined that this was not the first incident for one of the juveniles, however the fires had never been of this size. All three juveniles were subsequently referred to the City of Pasadena Fire Marshal's Office Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program.

At approximately 4:30 pm on Feb. 7, 2018 the League City Volunteer Fire Department received a call for a reported structure fire at the Willow Lake RV Resort located in the 1300 block of Highway 3. Upon arrival, the firefighters initiated an interior fire attack on the travel trailer. Large flames were escaping the trailer and firefighters were informed of pets trapped inside. Two small dogs were found deceased during the primary search and the third dog escape the fire possibly through a broken window and did not receive any injuries. The fire is currently under investigation by the League City Fire Marshal's Office.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Five Corners Realignment Project (CIP# ST1101):** The Access Loop opened to traffic February 8. City staff will monitor effectiveness over the coming weeks.

**SH 96/South Shore Blvd Intersection Improvements (CIP# ST1602):** Most of the road work is complete. The contractor has finished the asphalt paving and the road is now intact. The remaining work within the roadway includes grading inside the median and pavement striping for the new lane assignments. This work has been delayed due to the rainy conditions. The contractor is still waiting for delivery of the new mast arms for the traffic signals and the street signs. Once these items are received, the contractor will install them and only project closeout/punch list items will remain before the improvements will be open for use. Pending favorable weather, the contractor anticipates completion of all work by the end of February.

**North Kansas Avenue Reconstruction (CIP#1702A):** Continuation of 10x6 box culvert installation between 7th street and 4th street. City Staff met with homeowners on the Northeast corner of 4th/N. Kansas to discuss the trimming of two large limbs crossing North Kansas. These limbs will interfere with the equipment used to place the last 100 feet of box culverts. The homeowner and the City have come to an agreement to systematically trim these limbs back to provide clearance, but also leave as much of the branches intact as possible. The City Arborist will be on site to ensure the contractor performs the trimming with the best interest in mind for the continued health of the effected trees. The City is exploring alternatives for the installation of the box culverts crossing 4th to minimize potential interference with overhead limbs. The City will continue to communicate with any potentially effected homeowners to keep the project moving forward and complete drainage improvements.

Currently, the cofferdam at the end of North Kansas is still in place. This will prevent the full flow of storm water from reaching Clear Creek. We have pumps installed and are working towards eliminating the cofferdam as soon as possible. Installation of an erosion control wall to protect the bank of the creek under the outfall structure will begin in the coming week. Once complete, the cofferdam will be removed to facilitate a free flow into Clear Creek. There is potential for some minimal backup in the ditches while this work is being completed. The project is on schedule.

**Dallas Salmon Waste Water Treatment Plant (CIP# WW1601):** All box culverts are installed and tied into the outfall structure at Clear Creek. Flow is continuing to exit the existing effluent bypass channel while completion and tie in of new junction box exiting the plant occurs. The project is on schedule.

**Shellside Asphalt Rehabilitation Package 2 (CIP# RE1704A):** Crews have completed placing asphalt road surface on Strawberry Street between Oklahoma and Kentucky. Florida, Oregon, Pear, Ohio from Mulberry northwest to the dead end, and Strawberry from Kentucky northeast to the dead end have been milled with spot base repairs done. Strawberry from Kentucky northeast to the dead end, have been milled with spot base repairs completed. Strawberry from Kentucky northeast to the dead end, Florida, Oregon, and Ohio from Mulberry northwest to the dead end have received level-up, but base failures continue to present themselves giving unsatisfactory results. The contractor is in discussions with the engineer of record on a viable solution. Substantial completion is expected to be end of February, dependent on weather conditions, with striping to be completed after all asphalt work is complete.

## PUBLIC PRESENTATION

On Monday, February 12, 2018, from 7 to 9 p.m. the League City Volunteer Fire Department will make a public presentation to residents of Hidden Lakes on the proposed Fire Station #6 to be located at 7503 South Shore Blvd. Department officials will make an additional presentation to the Hidden Lakes HOA on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. from 7 to 9 p.m.



## SOLID WASTE

### **Trash Pilot Program Ending:**

League City administrators announced that the Republic Services' sponsored Cart Service Pilot program, in which residents of Centerpointe, Pecan Forest, and Nottingham Village subdivisions have been participating, is ending effective Monday, February 19, 2018. The program, initiated in August 2017, provided just under 700 residences with 96-gallon trash and recycling carts. On February 19, sub-contractors will begin collecting the wheeled, topped carts that were provided by Republic Services for the pilot program. Residents are asked to please place the empty carts on the curbside for easy pickup. This process is expected to take several weeks to complete. Republic will continue to provide trash service utilizing rear loading vehicles, as it does throughout the other areas of the City. The program was originally scheduled to be terminated and carts collected by the end of January 2018, which coincides with the expiration of the initial term of Republic's contract with the City. However, the City requested, and Republic agreed, to delay the cart collection until the week of February 19, 2018, so that residents may obtain other receptacles for continuing trash collection services. We appreciate our citizens and Republic's cooperation as we work toward a smooth transition. Please contact (281) 554-1411, or (281) 554-1007 if you have any questions.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Water Production**

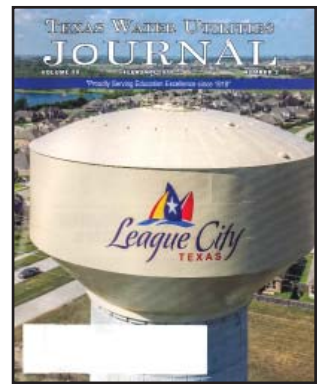
❑ League City's Eastside Elevated Water Storage Tank was featured on the February, 2018, edition of the Texas Water Utilities Journal. This monthly publication from the Texas Water Utilities Association provides informative information on current and future issues related to water and wastewater operations across Texas. The publication has featured elevated water storage tanks on the cover for 30 plus years and this marks the first time a League City structure is featured.

❑ Repairs of the leak on the 39-inch water line from Gulf Coast Water Authority's Thomas Mackey Water Treatment Plant were completed on Tuesday, February 6. League City resumed pumping water south through the repaired line to assist serving GCWA's North County customers while other leak repairs continue on the transmission system. Water pumped during mutual aid efforts is metered and reimbursed through monthly invoice credits from GCWA.

### **Drainage Improvements**

❑ The roadside ditch cleaning on Moody and Cedar Avenue is complete. Drainage crews cleaned and re-established grade on approximately 2,300 feet of ditch. Desilting of the Cedar Gully outfall ditch near Rustic Oaks continues, with approximately 1,500 ft of the 3,500 ft total completed. The City's long reach Link Belt excavators are required for this activity because of the expansive slopes of this drainage system.

❑ Drainage improvements along Leisure Lane are complete. Approximately 2,400 linear feet of roadside ditches along the southern end of Leisure Lane were modified to improve drainage in the local area through a combination of grade and flow redirection. Phase two will include regrade and cleaning the east end of Orange Grove. This work is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2018.



**Tailgating for Business Excellence Awards:** Last week, the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce (LCRCC) honored several individuals and businesses who are making a difference in the community at the annual Tailgating for Business Excellence Awards & Celebration. The LCRCC membership, which represents more than 530 members in the region submitted the nominees and the general public voted on-line to determine the winner. **Mayor Pat Hallisey** was honored as the 2018 Business Professional of the Year for his leadership during recovery efforts associated with Hurricane Harvey and his personal triumph over medical issues. In addition to Mayor Hallisey, the citizens saluted the professionalism and dedication of **League City's First Responders** -- Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works -- bestowing on them the 2018 Customer Service Excellence award. Other award winners included: **INEOS**, Business of the Year (>50 employees); **PizzaFire of League City** (<50 employees); **Red River BBQ**, Community Improvement; **Communities in Schools Bay Area**, Nonprofit of the Year; and **Justin Gripon**, Volunteer of the Year.



## “Mr. Elementree”



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## COMMUNITY

City leaders and members of the community have come together to raise funds for the preservation of a beloved League City Oak tree, popularly known as Mr. Elementree. This Butler Oak tree currently stands tall outside of the League City Elementary and is considered a token of rich, historic value by many generations of League City residents. Clear Creek Independent School District's student population continues to swell, creating a need to rebuild and enlarge League City Elementary. Confined space on the site limits the location of the new footprint of the school and necessitates removal of some trees, including Mr. Elementree. Community members determined it was important to try to relocate Mr. Elementree so future generations can enjoy its majestic beauty and historic presence.

The City of League City became aware of the growing support from the community to preserve the tree and worked alongside CCISD to approve a 30-day period that will delay its removal and allow advocates to raise funds for its relocation. The League City Patrons of the Park, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, in conjunction with the League City Historical Society and the League City Garden Club, is now participating in a joint effort to raise \$200,000, which will cover the cost to move Mr. Elementree to a new home on the renovated League City Elementary campus that does not conflict with the critically needed new school.

The organizations aim to raise awareness in the community and collect the necessary funds by March 1 through various efforts, including a support event planned for Saturday, February 17. In the unexpected event that enough money is not collected by the deadline, members of the League City Patrons group plan to use donations made to invest in the maintenance and preservation of other historic trees across the city, in addition to planting new trees in the community.

Supporters of Mr. Elementree's preservation believe the tree is a tribute to League City's historic heritage tied to the majestic Butler Oaks and a magnificent representative of its founding fathers, G. W. Butler and J. C. League. Through their efforts, they hope this powerful piece of history continues to live on for generations to come.